



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 1032

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**AN ACT CONCERNING SPRINKLERS IN EDUCATIONAL
OCCUPANCIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-315 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) (1) When any building is to be built having more than four
5 stories and is to be used for human occupancy, such building shall
6 have an automatic fire extinguishing system approved by the State Fire
7 Marshal on each floor.

8 (2) When any building is (A) to be built as an educational
9 occupancy, (B) eligible for a school building project grant pursuant to
10 chapter 173, and (C) put out to bid on or after July 1, 2004, such
11 building shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system approved
12 by the State Fire Marshal on each floor. ["Educational occupancy" shall
13 have] As used in this subsection, "educational occupancy" has the
14 same meaning as provided in the Fire Safety Code.

15 (3) The State Fire Marshal or the State Building Inspector may grant
16 variations or exemptions from, or approve equivalent or alternate
17 compliance with, any provision of the Fire Safety Code or the State
18 Building Code, as the case may be, for any municipality with regard to

19 a building that complies with the requirement in subdivision (2) of this
 20 subsection, where strict compliance with any provision of such code
 21 during the course of a school building project involving the installation
 22 of an automatic fire extinguishing system would entail practical
 23 difficulty or unnecessary hardship or is otherwise adjudged
 24 unwarranted, provided any such variation or exemption or approved
 25 equivalent or alternate compliance shall, in the opinion of such official,
 26 secure the public safety. Any such determination by the State Fire
 27 Marshal or the State Building Inspector shall be in writing. Any person
 28 aggrieved by any decision of the State Fire Marshal or the State
 29 Building Inspector may appeal to the Codes and Standards Committee
 30 no later than fourteen days after issuance of the decision. Any person
 31 aggrieved by any ruling of the Codes and Standards Committee may
 32 appeal to the superior court for the judicial district wherein such
 33 building is located.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	29-315(a)
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